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SUBJ: FY75 IVP INVITATION TO ANURA BANDARANAIKE

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1. AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 7 EXTENDED TO PRIME MINISTERS SON, ANURA BANDRAANIKE, INVITATION TO VISIT UNITED STATES UNDER IVP PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT, BECAUSE OF NATURE OF IVP, WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SAME TYPE OF HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT BANDARANAIKE HAD RECEIVED DURING SOME OF HIS VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. BANDARANAIKE ACCEPTED INVITATION WITH PLEASURE, RECALLING THAT HE HAD BEEN IN US ONLY BRIEFLY IN OCTOBER, 1971 WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED HIS MOTHER. HE COMMENTED THAT LEVEL-PROTOCOL ASPECTS WOULD NOT CAUSE HIM PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTED APRIL 1975 AS BEST TIME FOR VISIT FROM HIS STANDPOINT. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS PLEASED BANDARANAIKE COULD ACCEPT INVITATION AND THAT WE WOULD LATER WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM TO DEVELOP PROGRAM IN KEEPING WITH HIS INTERESTS AND PREFERENCES.
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